

C L A I M A M E N D M E N T S

The following is a complete listing of all claims ever presented in the present application, including the text of all pending claims and withdrawn claims.

1 - 35 (CANCELED)

36. (**CURRENTLY AMENDED**) A method of facilitating lottery ticket transactions, comprising:

receiving a request to purchase a lottery ticket for a pari-mutuel lottery game; and

determining a price associated with a lottery ticket having a lottery number combination based on an expected value to a player of the lottery ticket-having the lottery number combination to a player.

37. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 36, further comprising:

receiving an indication that the player is to receive a total winning amount even if both the lottery ticket and another lottery ticket win a lottery drawing.

38. (ORIGINAL) The method claim 36, wherein said determining is based on a current winning amount.

39. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 36, further comprising:

receiving an indication that the player is to receive a current total winning amount even if the total winning amount is subsequently adjusted.

40. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 36, wherein the price is independent of a cost of the lottery ticket to a lottery game provider.

41. (**CURRENTLY AMENDED**) The method of claim 36, wherein said determining is based on a current popularity of a the lottery number combination.

42. (**CURRENTLY AMENDED**) The method of claim 36, wherein said determining is based on a past popularity of a the lottery number combination.

43. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 36, wherein said determining the price comprises determining a minimum price that subsequent players will be required to provide in exchange for participating in the pari-mutuel lottery game.

44. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 36, wherein said determining the price comprises determining a minimum price that subsequent players will be required to provide in exchange for another lottery ticket having at least that expected value.

45. (NEW) A method of facilitating a lottery ticket transaction, the lottery ticket being associated with a lottery number combination, comprising:

receiving a request from an operator terminal to purchase the lottery ticket for a lottery drawing;

receiving an indication from the operator terminal that the lottery number combination is to be associated with only a limited number of occurrences for the lottery drawing; and

determining a price associated with the lottery ticket based on the received indication and agreement that not more than the limited number of occurrences of the lottery number combination will be sold for the lottery drawing.

46. (NEW) The method of claim 45, wherein said determining the price comprises:

determining the price based on an expected value associated with the lottery number combination.

47. (NEW) The method of claim 45, further comprising:

outputting an indication of a number of occurrences currently associated with the lottery number combination.

48. (NEW) A method of facilitating a lottery ticket transaction, the lottery ticket being associated with a lottery number combination, comprising:

receiving from a player a request to purchase the lottery ticket for a lottery drawing;

receiving a request that the lottery number combination will be exclusively associated with only a single lottery ticket for the lottery drawing;

determining the lottery number combination such that the lottery number combination is exclusively associated with only a single lottery ticket; and

preventing the lottery number combination from being associated with at least one additional lottery ticket.